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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Blood and Tissue Safety and Availability

AGENCY: Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As stipulated by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the U.S.

Department of Health and Human Services is hereby giving notice that the Advisory

Committee on Blood and Tissue Safety and Availability (ACBTSA) will hold a meeting.

The meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will take place Thursday, December 6, and Friday, December 7 2012, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on both days.

ADDRESSES: National Institutes of Health Conference Room, 5635 Fisher Lane, Terrace Level, Rockville, MD 20852

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The ACBTSA shall provide advice to the

Secretary through the Assistant Secretary for Health. The Committee shall advise on a

range of policy issues to include: innovations in blood and tissue products and their

potential impact on emergency preparedness.

The public will have the opportunity to present their views to the Committee during a

public comment session scheduled for December 7, 2012. Comments will be limited to

five minutes per speaker and must be pertinent to the discussion. Pre-registration is

required for participation in the public comment session. Any member of the public who

would like to participate in this session is encouraged to contact the Executive Secretary

to register for time (limited to 5 minutes); individuals must register prior to close of

business on December 3, 2012. If it is not possible to provide 30 copies of the material to

be distributed, then individuals are requested to provide a minimum of one (1) copy of

the document(s) to be distributed prior to the close of business on December 5, 2012. It

is also requested that any member of the public who wishes to provide comments to the

Committee utilizing electronic data projection submit the necessary material to the

Executive Secretary prior to the close of business on December 3, 2012.

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